

TOWN OF CANTON BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

Monday September 12th 2016

5:30 pm

Minutes

Present: Supervisor David T. Button, Council members Paul Backus, James Smith, Rosemary Philips and Bob Washo

Also in Attendance: Attorney for the Town Charles Nash, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Lisa Hammond, Highway Superintendent Terry Billings, Recreation Director John Taillon, Code Enforcement Officer Russell Lawrence, Director of Economic Development Leigh Rodriguez, Klaus Proem Chairman of the ZBA, Louis Tremaine, Sara Ort and Toby Ervin

Absent: Assessor Steve Teele, Historian Linda Casserly

5:30 P.M. Supervisor David Button opened the Regular Town Board Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance was said in honor of Servicemen and women

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S):** The minutes of the August 8th, 2016 Regular Meeting were approved:

Motion: Paul Backus Seconded: Jim Smith Vote: unanimous

2. **AUDIT COMMITTEE:** The following bills for abstract #09-2016 were approved for payment:

General Fund "A"	\$6,508.20
Town Outside "B"	\$6,452.28
Special Lighting "SL"	\$283.67
Joint Activity "SM"	\$913.26
Highway "DA"	\$11,216.88
Highway "DB"	\$188,537.73

Committee approval

3. **DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Leah Rodriquez's written report was not submitted:

Rodriquez noted that 2 CFA applications have been filed by her on behalf of the Village of Canton. One is for extension of municipal water and sewer to the Maple Hill subdivision and the second one is for Housing and Community Renewal CDBG program for micro enterprise to establish a micro enterprise grant fund here in Canton

Motion: Jim Smith

Seconded: Paul Backus

Vote: unanimous

4. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Discussion was held on the direction of the Community Developers position. It was requested to keep this item on the agenda each month. Councilman Jim Smith recommended using this item on the agenda to discuss grants and any Community Development activity as a whole committee. Having a open conversation and input on pending or upcoming matters related to Community Development.

5. ASSESSOR: Mr. Teele's written report was submitted and approved:

Motion: Jim Smith

Seconded: Paul Backus

Vote: unanimous

6. HISTORIAN: Ms. Casserly's written report as submitted and approved:

Motion: Bob Washo

Seconded: Rosemary Philips

Vote: unanimous

Councilman Backus suggested hiring someone to help Linda Casserly with the yearly Calendar process. Several names were mentioned and Supervisor Button will follow up on them. Councilman Washo stated that this is a special project that has come with expectations and the Town Board may be able to help with resources. After discussion ended it was decided that Supervisor Button will hold a meeting with Casserly.

7. CODE ENFORCEMENT: Mr. Lawrence's written report was submitted and approved:

Motion: Rosemary Philips

Seconded: Jim Smith

Vote: unanimous

8. RECREATION DIRECTOR: Mr. Taillon's written report was submitted and approved:

Motion: Bob Washo

Seconded: Jim Smith

Vote: unanimous

Taillon stated that ice will be ready on October 2nd this year. And that the outside rink needs some minor repairs done before winter.

9. HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. Billing's written report was submitted and approved:

Motion: Jim Smith

Seconded: Paul Backus

Vote: unanimous

Supervisor Button thanked Mr. Billing's and the highway crew for the good job performed at the Pyrites boat launch.

10. TOWN SUPERVISOR: Mr. Button's written report was submitted and approved:

Motion: Bob Washo

Seconded: Paul Backus

Vote: unanimous

11. TOWN CLERK: Mrs. Hammond's written report was submitted and approved:

Motion: Jim Smith

Seconded: Paul Backus

Vote: unanimous

12. LEGISLATOR(S): none

13. JUSTICE COURT REPORTS: Justice Courts written reports were submitted and approved:

\$6,286.50 Judge Monroe

\$13,049.00 Judge O'Horo

Motion: Bob Washo

Seconded: Paul Backus

Vote: unanimously

14. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Discussion was held on further construction of the Irish Settlement Rd. Councilman Smith stated that the highway committee has agreed that stone will go down this year as it is tore up, then in the spring the 6000 ft will be completed. Billing's has requested that the laborer monies from working in the Village of Rensselaer Falls be applied to funding the Irish Settlement Road project, as he stated that the residents of Rensselaer Falls travel the Irish Settlement Road. Fire and Rescue from Canton and Rensselaer Falls share this road. Billings stated that if culverts need replacing on the road that also will be done in the spring.

15. NEW BUSINESS/OTHER:

1. Pledge of Allegiance At beginning of meeting

2. Receive & Respond to Correspondence:

Discussion was held on a complaint received from a resident on the Eddy Pyrites Rd concerning a culvert pipe in the Town of Canton. This matter was tabled

3. Request from Church in park:

Reverend Mike Catanzaro was present and talked about fundraising to take down and replace trees in the park along with restoring/replacing the fountain in the park with an estimated cost of the fountain being \$150,000 along with pavers costing about \$75,000 to \$90,000, tree work an estimated cost of \$10,000 to \$15,000 – Total cost being around \$225,000.00. Catanzaro is looking for

members to sit on a fundraising committee. Ideally one member from the Village of Canton and one member from the Town of Canton. Further discussion was held and Catanzaro will email both the Mayor and Supervisor of Canton to ask what names have surfaced.

4. Share in cost of Grant Application:

Discussion was held on the Village and Town of Canton each contributing \$500.00 toward an engineer in order to complete the Restore NY Application. It was agreed that if the Village put forth \$500.00 the Town would also do \$500.00.

Motion: Paul Backus Seconded: Jim Smith Vote: unanimous

5. Attendees to LGC on Oct 11th:

Approval was given for Supervisor Button, Clerk Hammond, Council persons Bob Washo, Rosemary Philips, Code Enforcement Officer Lawrence, and Assessor Steve Teele to attend conference.

Motion: Jim Smith Seconded: Bob Washo Vote: unanimous

6. Receive & Approve Department Audits:

Audits were conducted of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Justice Court and Supervisor/Bookkeepers Books on September 12th, 2016
Motion to approve audits

Motion: Jim Smith Seconded: Bob Washo Vote: unanimous

7. Appointments to Boards:

Discussion was held on re-appointments to the ZBA, Planning and the BAR Sigi Barr was reappointed to a five year term to the Planning Board, Debbie Gilson was reappointed to a five year term to the Board of Assessment Review

Motion: Paul Backus Seconded: Jim Smith Vote: unanimous

8. Committee Reports:

9. Any Other Business that may come before the board:

7:20 p.m. Meeting adjourned

Motion: Rosemary Philips Seconded: Bob Washo Vote: unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Hammond Canton Town Clerk